

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Description

Please replace the first paragraph with the following:

Q1 This application is a continuation of United States patent application Serial No. 08/157,811, filed November 23, 1993, now United States Patent No. 5,756,281, which is a continuation -in-part of United States patent application Serial No. 07/887,502, filed May 22, 1992, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of United States patent application Serial No. 07/704,814, filed May 23, 1991, now abandoned and United States patent application Serial No. 07/763,039, filed September 20, 1991, now abandoned.

In the Claims:

In claim 1, last line, after "effect", please insert ~~it~~, thereby detecting said stealth

Q2 virus~~es~~.

In claim 7, last line, after "line", please insert ~~it~~, thereby culturing said stealth

Q3 virus~~es~~.

In claims 6, 11, 12 and 20, please change "derived" to --isolated--.

In claim 12, please delete", an environmental substance,".

In claim 14, please change "12" to --13--.

In claims 16, 17 and 18, please change "14" to --15--.